

**Human Rights Commission Meeting**  
**May 7, 2014, 5:30pm-6:30pm, First Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall**

Present: Gregory Bascomb, Carol Ross, Lois Raj, Liam Brodigan

Absent: Damon Mallory, Ingrid Askew, Sid Ferreira, Kathleen Anderson, Emily Jung

Others: Deb Radway, Frank Gatti and Thomas Shuman Georgetown University student, resident of Amherst)

Meeting called to order by Gregory Bascomb at 5:30 pm

1. Agenda Review/Additions: None. This is a special meeting of the Human Rights Commission called to review Commission position on Article 36 Annual Town Meeting (drones) and a few other items.
2. Prospective Intern Thomas Shuman introduced himself and stated his interest in work with for the Commission during the summer.
3. Drones Article. Petitioner Frank Gatti explained most recent motion, which is now split into 2 pieces- Part A and Part B. Part A is regarding drones within the Town of Amherst and Part B is regarding international use of drones to intentionally kill. After discussion, Commission votes 3 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention to support Part A, and then voted 4-0 to support Part B.
4. Community Engagement: Carol Ross opened the discussion. Community Engagement to include set up of camera at Subway intersection and solicit sound bites of people talking about human rights issues. Thomas volunteered to assist in engaging the community in a productive and progressive way. We can be forward thinking, unifying and positive, using social media and video to promote the dialogue and capitalize on the issues and energy that recent political campaigns generated.
5. Summer Reading Program: Carol and Greg agreed to collaborate with Jan Ryan and Kim Stender on community reading program. Deb offered that Ingrid also thought the Douglass speech would be a nice addition for older youth to read.
6. Deb Radway was asked to develop guidelines for internships.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.

Deborah Radway  
Notetaker